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10.

Soil Conservation

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, September 9, 1947, that we re-affirm our support for an adequate, comprehensive, nation-wide soil conservation program as of paramount importance in conserving the vital natural resources of the country. We commend the U. S. Soil Conservation Service for its constructive leadership in this field. We urge that that Service be continued, expanded, and supported by adequate appropriations so that it may carry on its work substantially as now organized and directed, and that the work of the other agencies directly or indirectly concerned with soil conservation be coordinated therewith. We emphatically oppose any measures that may be designed to curtail the authority or scope of activity of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

Be it further resolved that a special committee be appointed by the President, as provided by the by-laws, in such number as he deems best, to study S. 1621, H. R. 4417, and any other measures that may be introduced in Congress relating to soil conservation, and to make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee for further action by that Committee in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this resolution.

11.

H. R. 1693 Relating to Excise Tax on Fishing Tackle

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, September 9, 1947, that we re-affirm our support of H. R. 1693, providing for use of proceeds of the excise tax on fishing tackle for fish conservation purposes, and we urge prompt enactment of that bill by Congress.

13.

Public Domain Lands

Whereas satisfactory progress has been made in restoration of the public domain lands during the twelve years that these lands have been administered under the provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act; and

Whereas full restoration has not yet been accomplished but instead there is still need for such range management as will bring these lands which were so badly devastated by unregulated grazing prior to the passage of the Taylor Grazing Act back to their natural condition and to full productivity of forage resources; and

Whereas we believe the policy of permitting the stockmen to pay the salaries of district graziers or other field men cannot help but prejudice and hamper such men in the impartial performance of their duties;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Congress to provide the U. S. Bureau of Land Management adequate funds to continue the necessary field administration of the Public Domain Lands included in grazing districts in conformity with previous administrative policies to insure continued improvement and full restoration of these lands.

14.

Foot and Mouth Disease

Whereas the foot and mouth disease now prevalent in Central Mexico is a serious threat to big game as well as to livestock in both the United States and Mexico; and

Whereas the Congress has already authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to assist the Mexican authorities in combatting the disease in our sister Republic;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the program for combatting the foot and mouth disease in Mexico to prevent its introduction into the United States; and since many game animals are involved, we urge that competent big game technicians be assigned to assist in that part of the program.

15.

H. R. 2617 Relating to Increase in Duck Stamp Fee and Public Hunting Grounds in Duck Stamp Refuges

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled in Denver, Colorado, September 9, 1947, that we re-affirm our support of H. R. 2617, increasing the duck stamp fee to \$2.00 and providing for the use for public hunting grounds of part of the refuge areas acquired and maintained with duck stamp money and we urge prompt enactment of that bill by Congress.

16.

H. R. 2721 Relating to Management of Upper Mississippi Navigation Facilities with Regard for Fish and Other Wildlife Resources

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled in Denver, Colorado,